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Testimony for the Appropriations Hearing/Department of Housing/February 17, 2017

Senator Osten, Senator Formica, Representative Walker, Representative Ziobron and Members of the Committee:

My name is Hannan Selim. I am a former resident who lived at FISH Homeless Shelter with my 3 year old son. I had an emergency situation when my mother passed away. So, I lost my job and apartment and had no family support since they live overseas. I never experienced homelessness before, so entering a homeless shelter was intimidating for me and my son. But FISH staff made my stay very comfortable and welcoming. They provided a variety of employment and housing services which I needed at the time. After finding employment and an apartment I moved out, but I can never forget the FISH Shelter for what they have done for me and my son. I always visit my friends at FISH.

Please provide any funding possible to help the FISH Homeless Shelter because they provide the best care for people.

Thank you

Sincerely,

Hannan Selim

Former FISH Shelter Resident